

Spectrum

Work continues round the clock

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While many in the working world are winding down, units across Fort Gordon are moving into second gear in

an organization that works around the clock.

Soldiers waiting for supper at a post dining facility turned to salute the flag as a cannon volley announced retreat.

The evening meal provided

a refueling point. But it did not signal the end of the day. Lots of activity was still on-going. Organized groups of Soldiers moved about the post.

The 73rd Ordnance Battalion Military Occupational Specialty -Training students and cadre stood in formation next to Barton Field, seemingly oblivious to the sweltering Georgia sun pushing temperatures toward the century mark. Actually they were singing the Ordnance Song. Their leader, Sgt. 1st Class Sean Brown was not pleased with the responses he was receiving. "Some of you don't know the

words. Let me give it to you again." He then belted out the words. "On land and on the sea and in the air we've got to be there, we've got to be there. America is sounding her alarms. We've got to have arms, we've got to have arms. Arms for the love of America. They speak in a foreign land, with weapons in every hand. Whatever they try we've got to replay in language they understand. Arms for the love of America. And for the love of every mother's son, who's depending on the work that must be done by the man, behind the man, behind the man, behind the gun."

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Ordnance Song

One of the two platoons followed his lead with gusto. He congratulated them and moved off to the other platoon to encourage them.

Less than two blocks away, under a spreading oak tree in their company area, Sgt. 1st Class Eddie Smith Company C, 551st Signal Battalion conducted a training session for advanced individual training students. During the afternoon period the Soldiers study map reading, proper formations, land navigation, tactical formation movements and other Soldier skills. This day heat casualty prevention and morale were on the agenda.

In other areas service mem-

bers huddled in small groups talking over the day's events. Some studied. Others donned athletic gear, heading for the gymnasium.

Both military and civilians are impacted by construction on the main artery of Chamberlain Avenue leading to and from Gate One. Traffic snaked out of the post on one lane where there are normally three lanes.

A police officer directed traffic as workers dumped and smoothed asphalt.

All across the post service members, contractors, supporting civilian and federal employees continued working in various areas and projects around the clock.



Photos by Larry Edmond

(Above) Members of first platoon struggle through the tune, admitting that they don't know the words. Brown gave them an opportunity to learn the tune. (Right) Sgt. 1st Class Sean Brown, 73rd Ordnance Battalion MOS-T platoon sergeant leads the formation in singing the Ordnance Song, July 29 in a formation at Barton Field near the company area.



Staff members from the 15th Signal Brigade gather for an impromptu meeting as Capt. Timothy Chavis (left) receives information and issues instructions to Master Sgt. Derrick Canteen, Pvt Shannon Ebey, Sgt. 1st Cass Rick Bowie and Sgt. LaRhonda Hankins at the end of the work day.



First Sgt. Rodney Kelley, Company E, 369th Signal Battalion first sergeant offers instructions to Soldiers getting ready to go on an afternoon run. Physical fitness training is moved to later in the day to avoid the heat.



(Above) Sgt. 1st Class Eddie Smith, Company C, 551st Signal Battalion teaches a class to advanced individual training students under a spreading oak tree in the company area. (Left) Company E, 369th Signal Battalion students recover from one of the drills in the muscle failure phase of their physical fitness training.



Construction on Chamberlain Avenue continues after many have left post for home.



(Above) At the end of their class day, students wait outside the dining facility including (left to right), Pfc. Marcus Allen, Pvt. James Ford and Pvt. Joseph Brown of Company C, 447th Signal Battalion, Pvs. Jessica Shuler, Tiffany Love and Alex Cornier of Company B, 447th Signal Battalion. (Right) Soldiers move among the hedges lining the post's barracks area.

